Facilities for senior citizens

† 1447. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of facilities including medical facilities being provided by Railways, Banks, Airlines, etc., including the Central Government and the State Governments to senior citizens;

(b) the details of expenditure on such assistance;

(c) whether any *modus operandi* has been fixed for coordination, liasion and efforts with various Departments of Central Government and State Governments for problems and facilities of senior citizens; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Separate queues for the senior citizens are available at the Government hospitals for registration and clinical examination. All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi are conducting separate geriatric clinics and OPDs for senior citizens. Indian Railways provide 30% fare concession, separate queues at the ticket/reservation counters for senior citizens aged 60 years and above. Air India is providing a discount in fare to Senior Citizens (women aged 63+ and men aged 65+) on domestic routes. Banks are providing higher rates of interest on saving schemes of senior citizens. The expenditure involved in providing these facilities is met by the agencies from their own sources.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. The Government has set up a National Council for Older Persons (NCOP) headed by the Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment with representatives of various Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments, voluntary organizations, experts, etc., as members for coordination and advice.

Further, an Inter-Ministerial Committee is also set up under the Chairpersonship of Secretary (Social Justice & Empowerment) with the representatives of various Ministries/ Departments as members for effective implementation of the action-plans for the welfare of the senior citizens.

Review of projects

1448. SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has established monitoring cells to review the work done/ performance of various ongoing projects of different departments of the Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether performance of the organizations associated is up to the mark; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment monitors the performance of various ongoing projects

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